

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[24] The present invention provides an absorbent article having a fluid pervious top sheet, a fluid impervious bottom sheet and an absorbent core therebetween. The absorbent article having a supplemental member defined by a slit cut through the top sheet and into the absorbent core. The supplemental member being capable of movement between a retracted position and a projected position wherein at least a portion of the supplemental member is located above the top sheet of the article. The supplemental member being capable of insertion into the body of the user such that the article may function both as a tampon and as a conventional pad. In one embodiment, the absorbent core of the present invention is capable of expansion and contraction depending upon the relative position of the supplemental member.